

**AP/AL:** Appropriation    **Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide    **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)    **Contact:** Sam Rabung  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027    **Contact Phone:** (907)465-6100

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will conduct spring aerial surveys to document Prince William Sound Pacific herring milt distribution and biomass, collect and process age, sex, and size samples of herring, and provide a research platform (R/V Solstice) for an adult herring disease sample collection and processing. This project is a continuation of Fish and Game herring assessment that has occurred since the 1970's and informs the model that determines if the minimum pre-fishery biomass threshold required in regulation for a commercial herring fishery to occur in Prince William Sound is met.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>Total</b>
1018 EVOSS	\$1,908,299						\$1,908,299
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,908,299</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,908,299</b>

☐ State Match Required   
☒ One-Time Project   
☐ Phased - new   
☐ Phased - underway   
☐ Ongoing  
0% = Minimum State Match % Required   
☐ Amendment   
☐ Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project will help meet the overall goals of providing sound scientific data and products to inform resource managers and the public of changes in herring stocks and in the Prince William Sound (PWS) ecosystem. The funding will cover charter costs for aerial surveys (\$45,000 annually), charter costs of the R/V Solstice (\$26,000 annually), staff personnel time (\$96,000 annually), travel to the herring Principle Investigator meeting, and equipment such as sampling nets, glass slide, scale glue etc.

This project was awarded \$1.9 million for Exxon Valdez Oil Spill fiscal (EVOS) year 2022-2031. Results are published annually in the Prince William Sound & Copper River Annual Management Report.

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 - Personal Services	\$818,681
2000 - Travel	\$17,479

3000 - Services	\$979,235
4000 - Commodities	\$29,129
5000 - Capital Outlay	\$63,775
7000 - Grants	
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$1,908,299</b>

Project will fund existing positions:

The project will fund two Fisheries Biologists I and one Fish and Wildlife Technician, PCNs 11-1346, 11-1413, and 11-1527.